

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No. 09/487,330

REMARKS

Claims 6-15 have been examined

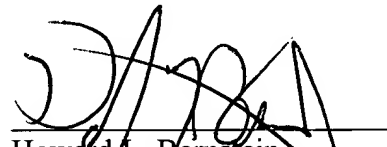
Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 6 and 8-15.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this amendment claim 7 is rewritten into independent form.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6-15 should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the application is found other than to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington, D.C. telephone number (202) 293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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